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Professor Brett,

University of Toronto.

Dear Professor Brett:

Thank you very much for your book on "The Government of Man". I am going to take it with me to Ottawa, and I hope to get time to read it this week.

I congratulate you on the appearance of another volume so soon after your first one.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



Jan 14. 1914.

Dear Prof. Squair

I have considered Hearn's "Living Past" and conclude that it is not suited to the course as it now stands. The parts dealing with the science of the Gueths is a good outline, but the topics discussed in the book are too various: it diverges into politics, ethics, and sciences in a way that makes it irrelevant for the present (scientific) course. Whetham would certainly be of more direct use.

The view of future organisation I should like to suggest the following point. The scheme lends itself at present to some confusion. My subject is a kind of cross section. It includes, in chronological limits,



<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
History of Astronomy & Physics.	History of Physics (Astronomy)	History of Medicine	History of Mathematics & Scientific Method.

Each of these might well be made  
introductory to one of the other courses -  
e.g. A. is a natural introduction  
to Mr. Chant's course - C, to Prof.  
Schurich's - & so on.

My objection to the present  
scheme is that it involves two  
distinct methods - the history of  
the sciences is crossed by the description  
of civilisations - There must be  
some repetition, unless the lecturers  
submit to a Board of Studies their  
individual programmes.

The moral I draw from  
this is that Brett's lectures are  
not really wanted! - but I  
limit myself at present to that suggestion.

Yours sincerely  
G.S. Brett.